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Mitzelfelt Allocates Funds for Projects in Twentynine Palms Area

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on April 15 approved recommendations by First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt to allocate more than \$170,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for five separate projects and programs in the Twentynine Palms area.

“CDBG funding is particularly important in rural desert areas where some programs and services can be less accessible,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt, who represents the area. “The projects being funded will improve recreational opportunities, increase safety and provide transportation assistance for seniors and the disabled.”

The CDBG program provides funding for public facilities, infrastructure, housing, public services, and economic development throughout the County. San Bernardino County uses CDBG funding each year to revitalize neighborhoods, fund public services, repair and preserve housing and provide jobs to low and moderate-income households, senior citizens and the physically or developmentally challenged.

Funded activities are identified through a public application and hearing process and are prioritized by each County Supervisor’s office and ultimately by the Board of Supervisors. The grant funding will become available after July 1, 2008.

Funding was approved for three area construction projects, including \$93,000 for the installation of air conditioning at the community center and Patriot Hall at Luckie Park. Youth programs are held in the buildings during the summer and the building currently have no air conditioning. Also funded were \$51,000 for a new recreation building at Knott’s Sky Park, and \$15,000 for the installation of street signs in Wonder Valley.

Two local programs will also receive grant funding, including \$7,500 for senior and disabled medical and social service transportation assistance through Reach Out Morongo Basin, and \$5,000 for the summer youth recreation program at Twentynine Palms Youth Club.